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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT :

1. The following item was included in my weekly progress report to the DCI, but it was felt by that it was not an item which would lend itself as suitable for the Director's log. I feel, however, that it is an item which you should have for your information. Copies have gone to the DDCI, DD/I and DD/A:

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Project

The Office of Training feels it has done about all it can in attempting to meet CIA requirements for a Maritime Training site. At the request of authorized operating office officials, and based upon firm requirements for maritime training, OTR has spent nearly two years in locating and negotiating for a suitable training site, in developing courses of training, in recruiting a specialist corps of instructors, and in conferences with Navy officials from the CNO down. The PMC approved the project in March 1951. The DCI authorized further exploration and negotiation. We have received complete Navy approval and cooperation. We have the site; we have the people; we have detailed cost figures on construction, equipment and operation. But as of 20 November 1952, there still seems to be no clear-cut basic policy decision on: (1) whether CIA is to engage in Maritime Operations; (2) whether CIA will train personnel to man such operations; and (3) whether CIA will establish and maintain a maritime training school. OTR cannot make these decisions.

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